



# THE MILWAUKIE PILOT

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## Milwaukie's Local Leaders

### Neighbor & dog nab thieves

Nichole Hanson was getting ready for work at her Mom's house when their dog "Scooter" began barking.

When Nichole went to the window to see what the trouble was she saw four teenage boys in her neighbor's backyard. She didn't recognize them and became especially suspicious when they began pulling on latex gloves.

Nichole didn't hesitate. She called 9-1-1, reported what she was seeing and stayed on the line for almost an hour to offer another set of eyes until the burglars were captured.

Milwaukie Detective Dan Cloyes had high praise for Nichole's actions.

"She didn't hesitate," Detective Cloyes said. "She acted appropriately and did a fantastic job. If she hadn't called right away it's very likely those guys would still be out there."

Nichole is humble regarding her role.

"A lot of the credit is Scooter's rather than mine," Nichole said with a smile. "But I don't think he can dial the phone."

So while the dog may deserve some of the credit, it was Nichole's actions as a good and conscientious neighbor that



Nichole Hanson

helped nab the thieves.

"I watch out for my neighbors ... I know everyone in the Neighborhood, and when I saw them putting on gloves it was kinda' obvious," Nichole said.

Please see **Nichole** on page 2

## Libraries consider consolidation

On December 9<sup>th</sup> staff from Clackamas County's libraries gathered to discuss how to best provide services in the face of constraining budgetary resources and the failure of Measure 3-152, the November levy that would have raised about \$9 million for the County's libraries.

Some libraries discussed consolidating with other nearby libraries, some suggested making immediate cuts to staff levels and hours, but Milwaukie's Ledding Library will likely take a different course of action.

Library Co-Director Joe Sandfort said while budget cuts will be almost inescapable, he said the City will wait to hear the recommendations made during the public process of the upcoming budget cycle. Budget committee meetings begin in March and citizens are strongly encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Joe at (503) 786-7546. ☐

## Planning Commission okays North Main

The North Main Street Project took a dramatic leap forward when the Planning Commission unanimously approved the application at its Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With Planning Commission's approval the project now moves to the building stage, with building permits expected to be submitted in March and April of '05 and hopes to begin construction in May or June.

Main Street Partners, the developer of the project, hopes to have final occupancy of the residential and commercial tenants by spring of '06.

The project consists of six buildings on the former Safeway site. There will be a mixture of commercial and retail space, apartments, townhouses and garage units.

For more details on the project, please contact Project Manager Jeff King at (503) 786-7609. ☐

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## City sad to say 'So long'

The City of Milwaukie will lose a valued member of its team when Alice Rouyer, the City's Community Development Director, steps down on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Alice is leaving to take a position with David Evans & Associates, a recognized leader in the design and management of complex transportation, land development, and water resources projects nationwide. She will be greatly missed.

Alice was hired as Milwaukie's Planning Director in June of 1999 and was promoted to Community

Please see **Alice** on page 2



## Mayor looks to future

*This month's Councilor Column is authored by Mayor James Bernard. To contact James, call (503) 786-7510 or send an email to [bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us).*



"I'm back". After spending a year of my life campaigning for County Commissioner, I feel great about having had the experience.

Thanks to this experience and all the relationships that were developed I will be a stronger Mayor and a better leader for this community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and even though I didn't win, I am so happy to have this opportunity

to serve my community for at least two more years.

What I really want to talk about is some exciting projects. Next year Milwaukie will be seeing a whole lot of change. There are projects that are springing up all over town. Two major projects will start next year and will create a real mess that will require patience on the part of many traveling McLoughlin and coming through downtown Milwaukie.

The first project will rebuild McLoughlin from Harrison to the Kellogg Lake Bridge. That means the last two buildings on your Riverfront will be coming down. New sidewalks will be built on both sides along with a center island for those crossing McLoughlin. New lighting and trees will invite visitors to our great riverfront and will represent the first steps of our Riverfront park redevelopment. The great part is that most of this project will be paid for with grants from the federal government.

The next project and one that will introduce great potential is the North Main Project. This project will breathe new life into your Downtown and hopefully be the catalyst that will provide job opportunity and new housing for those wanting the small town Downtown living experience. We have invested years on this project. This project will also be supported by a Metro grant of nearly \$500,000. What you will see is new sidewalks, street lighting, trees, and many more exciting amenities that will transform Downtown and create a great living space.

Drop by City Hall and take a look at the plans. We are working on a new display at City Hall that should be ready in January. 📍

### North Main from page 1

But Detective Cloyes said many citizens choose not to get involved or fear they'll bother the police with what may turn out to be a non-emergency call.

"You're not going to bother the police, we love those calls, we welcome those calls," Detective Cloyes said. 📍

### Alice from page 1

Development Director in early 2002.

During her tenure Milwaukie completed the award-winning [Downtown and Riverfront Framework Plan](#), a document that now serves as the foundation for the development of the City's riverfront and

the revitalization of the city's downtown core. Alice has been coordinating the North Main Street Project that's set to break ground next spring, has been heavily involved with Milwaukie's transportation projects and has been instru-

mental in bringing federal, state and regional funding to Milwaukie.

The City will launch an expansive recruitment to fill this position, but will be hard pressed to find someone as qualified and as professional as Alice. 📍

## Company links to NASA

Continuing the effort of familiarizing Milwaukie's residents with members of its business community, this month **The Pilot** introduces OECO, LLC, a company of over 300 employees and engineers that have developed power supply and magnetics products used in the military's F16 and F18 fighter jet programs, implantable medical devices, the space shuttle, the Trident Missile, Boeing 777s and cutting-edge satellite and GPS systems.

OECO is a leading supplier to major customers such as Boeing, Raytheon, Honeywell, de Havilland, GE, BAE Systems, IBM, ITT, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Sikorsky, the US Government, and Medtronic.

Since 1948, OECO has been supplying its customers with highly engineered and reliable products that result from the company's ongoing commitment to continued technological advances through their many engineering and manufacturing process initiatives. 📍

## Coffee with Council

On the second Saturday of every month City Council will meet with one another and members of the community in a more relaxed setting so all who participate can have a more open conversation regarding City issues.

The idea was born from the idea that the time constraints and atmosphere of Council meetings and work sessions doesn't quite promote free discussion among Councilors and fellow residents. But the Saturday meetings are open to the public and citizens are strongly encouraged to participate.

Councilor Joe Loomis explains each meeting will feature a loose agenda, but the primary objective will be to establish a more free-flowing dialogue among Councilors and the residents they represent.

Meetings will begin at 8 a.m. and be held at the Public Safety Building. The first meeting is Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. 📍

## Fear of flooding?

Through the rainy season the City will provide sand and sand bags to Milwaukie residents free of charge should serious rain events strike our region.

Sand and sand bags will only be distributed to Milwaukie residents: verification of Milwaukie residency may be obtained by bringing a current utility bill and valid ID to the facility.

And while there is no charge, residents will be asked to fill the sand bags themselves. Please check in at front counter of Milwaukie's Public Works Building unless otherwise directed. Distribution location:

**City of Milwaukie Public Works, (503) 786-7675**

**6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, (next to Wichita Feed & Hardware)**

## Quilt unveiling

Before the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting the Mayor and Councilors will unveil the City's Centennial Quilt and honor those responsible for its creation.

The Centennial quilt is an impressive tapestry that depicts a map of the City and it's Neighborhoods along with images of historic landmarks.

The quilt is now hanging in the staircase of City Hall, and the public is invited to view it at any time. Those wishing to attend the event should be at City Hall by 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Click it or ticket

Milwaukie motorists will want to really make sure they're buckled up Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> because that's when Milwaukie Police will be adding extra traffic patrols to focus on gaining greater seat belt compliance.

The extra patrols will be funded through a grant provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation, and police officers will not just be making sure motorists are wearing their seat belts, but are wearing them correctly.

For example, motorists can't get away with simply wearing the lap belt — the shoulder strap must be worn in all cases.

Another common infraction is when motorists tuck the shoulder strap under the arm.

If you have any questions, call Officer Bruce Litchfield at (503) 786-7484.

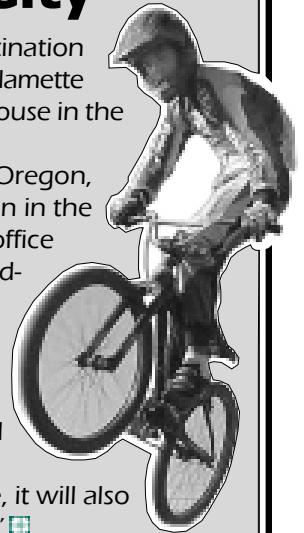
## BMX racing comes to City

Come this spring Milwaukie will be a prominent destination for the region's, and even the state's, BMX racers when Willamette Valley BMX opens its track in a previously vacant warehouse in the North Industrial area.

The track will be only the third indoor facility in all of Oregon, and marks a continuing trend of increasing revitalization in the North Industrial district. The track, spectator's area and office will cover approximately 30,000 sq. ft. of the Hanna Building, which had been vacant for five years.

The BMX track will operate on Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's and will be in operation on a yearly basis October through May. Mark Hettervig owns the building, and in a letter to the City's Planning Commission he explained he's excited for the track to open.

"Not only will it create an activity for families to share, it will also have a positive economic impact on the Milwaukie area."



## City buys plow; sets routes

The City has purchased a plow to keep the City's arterial and collector streets safe and passable when snowstorms hit.

This will help our residents get to and from their places of business and to keep the City's primary roads open to emergency response equipment.

Those interested in reviewing the route can log on to the City's website at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org) or call (503) 786-7503 for a copy. When a storm hits and accumulation takes place the City will begin clearing the route. Due to limits of City resources, snow plowing will be limited to this route.

To aid the effort the City asks that vehicles along the route be parked off of the right of way to avoid possible damage from plowing of snow to the edge of the roadway. Furthermore, property owners are responsible for removing any snow that might pile up in front of driveway approaches and on sidewalks from the plowing.

For the City's disabled residents who may need assistance, please call Director of Public Works Operations Kelly Somers at (503) 786-7614 to discuss arrangements. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (503) 786-7600.

## The City Code Corner

The City of Milwaukie promoted from within when it hired Tim Salyers from its Records Department to fill the Assistant Code Compliance Officer position.

Tim's lived in Milwaukie his entire life and thinks his knowledge of the City and many of its residents will help him succeed in his new position.

"People that know me understand that I care about this community and taht I'll do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Tim will spend half of his time conducting parking patrols in the Downtown area and half of his time working Code Compliance cases throughout the City.

"I'm excited to try something new and work on improving the City".

To reach Tim, call (503) 786-7409. To reach Code Compliance Coordinator Les Hall, call (503) 786-7564.

## Councilor proud of service

Larry Lancaster took his seat on City Council six years ago at a point in Milwaukie's history where the relationship between the City and its citizens was strained at best.

In his time serving Council, Larry believes that's changed.

"The thing I'm most proud of is restoring citizens' confidence in their local government," Larry said.

Council's longest sitting Councilor steps down this month after fulfilling his second term, and he thinks Milwaukie is ready to make good on much of the effort that's been invested during his tenure.



"Now we're finally positioned to really start developing," Larry said. "We're working on removing the sewage treatment plant, redeveloping our Riverfront and we're ready to bring serious money to our Downtown. We're really getting ready to take off, and I'm going to take great pleasure in watching that happen."





# AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

### Happy New Year!

So what will 2005 bring to Milwaukie and your Neighborhood? Well the King Road Project will continue. Homewood Park, Minthorn Park and the 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park will be looking for help in the form of work parties.

As a matter of fact our next party is Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. at Homewood Park. Park on Home Avenue, wear weather appropriate clothing, bring gloves and a shovel or trowel. We will be planting several hundred native plants. If you have any questions, call Sarah Smith at (503) 653-0015.

The City Budget process is around the corner and there will

be some challenges this year such as how to fund the Ledding Library, police services and all the other departments in the City.

You have a say in this process. By attending the budget meetings and or your Neighborhood meetings you can provide input and direction on how the City is managed.

Are there other concerns or comments that you have about the City or your Neighborhood? Let us know as we are here for you. You can find our contact information on the back page or call Community Services at (503) 786-7503.

## LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Where: Lewelling Elementary

Well another year has come and gone. We should take a moment and recognize the impact that Our Neighborhood has made this last year.

First off we made a huge step forward for our park with the construction of the sidewalks in late November. This has been an ongoing project for many in the Neighborhood and a great thanks goes out to all who volunteered time, donated money and gave input to help this project get to this point.

Through a donation we helped a local food bank purchase a reliable vehicle to deliver food to our neighbors. We

gave to the local arts recently and have made donations to the grade school, too. Though the amount may not be great we helped make a difference with these organizations.

We also lost some close friends this year, and we have made some new ones too. The Neighborhood works because people who care about Our Town and Our Neighborhood come to give input and lend a hand to make things happen. We all may not agree at times but we all do have the same goal, to make this a great place to live.

Remember we do have child care at the meeting and the meeting is only an hour. What will we do this year? It's up

to you.

I would also like to thank all who participated in our Festival of Lights. We received far more entries than I ever anticipated. Congratulations to the Hanson home, which was voted the best.

It was a great evening out for families and fun was had by all. If you didn't participate or enter there is always next year.

See you at the next meeting.



Many enjoyed the Lewelling Lights Contest.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Terrie Darling, Neighborhood resident

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie Elementary

Many projects will begin to take shape in Historic Milwaukie NDA in 2005. Projects that will greatly define the shape and destiny of our city for many years. The projects are: McLoughlin widening and landscaping, North Main Village, a possible mixed-use center on Oak Street, the development of our precious riverfront park, and the possible relocation of the transit center. I see these projects as opportunities to strengthen and

reunite our community.

Over the years, the lack of trust we have had in each other has inhibited our ability to grow and prosper. The only way to get that trust back is to rebuild our confidence in the goodness of others. I find this quote by Josh Donn most appropriate for this time of change:

"We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust our sails."

Change is at our doorstep. We can choose to embrace it, or let it pass us by. On behalf of the Historic Milwaukie NDA, we wish you, our neighbors, partners, and friends, a joyous and productive New Year.

# AROUND TOWN

## LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken Hambright](#), Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Where: [Linwood School Library](#)

Here's wishing Milwaukie residents all the very best for 2005!

Our December meeting was sparsely attended and there were not a great many things to discuss, however, the January meeting should have a fairly busy agenda.

We welcome the new bicycle BMX indoor track facility, to be located at the old Hannah car wash manufacturing site. (See page 3 for more details.)

It should prove to be a great place for the kids to learn sportsmanship and have fun. We will try to have a representative on hand to tell us about the new facility at our next meeting.

We should also have some additional information available regarding the Harmony Road and Ukrainian Bible Church proposals, as well as an update on where other City-wide projects are in the stages prior to dirt being moved.

Our next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Linwood Elementary School Library. See you there!

## ISLAND STATION

Written by [Lisa Batey](#), Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Where: [Milwaukie Grange](#)

How many cars are too many? At what point does a pile of "stuff" in one's yard become a code violation? What restrictions are there on commercial activity at a residential property? What limits are there on levels of light and noise emitted from a residential property?

If you have questions like these, whether pertaining to something you want to do on your own property or concerns about other properties in the neighborhood, please come to the neighborhood association meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grange. Our special guest will be Milwaukie's Code Compliance Officer, Les Hall, who can answer these and other similar questions.

January should also bring the long-awaited meeting on parking options around Spring Park — more details on what will be sent to those on the Island Station Neighborhood Association e-mail list, and mailed to landowners sur-

rounding the park. If you want to be added to that list to receive weekly e-mail updates on various city and neighborhood news, send your e-mail address to [lisabatey@prodigy.net](mailto:lisabatey@prodigy.net).

Our efforts at reducing paintball activity seem to have met with some success this fall, but the latest problem in Spring Park and Elk Rock Island is the appearance of dirt bike riders who like buzzing around the muddy trails.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the park and make the situation dangerous for legitimate park users.

Please call 9-1-1 when you encounter such activity.



Volunteers cut laurel and cleared trash from the Trolley Trail outside Island Station on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

## ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Carlotta Collette](#), Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Where: [Ardenwald Elementary](#)

Here are my New Year predictions for the Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood. We will continue to tighten the knit of our community, making friends of neighbors on every block. We will ex-

pand our circle of caring.

This year we provided free books to hundreds of kids in our Summer Reading and Pajama Night projects; brought holiday food boxes, turkeys and gifts to more than ten needy families; entertained hundreds of people with our free concerts in the park; and worked diligently to protect our community's land use values. This is just a sampling of our efforts.

I predict that will all continue and even increase in the coming year. As federal, state and city budgets tighten; we need to work harder to make sure our neighbors remain safe and secure.

If you live or work in Ardenwald, join us every second Tuesday at 6:30 in the Ardenwald Elementary School library. Meet your neighbors. Hear what's happening in your community. Pitch in. And eat great pizza!

## LAKE ROAD

Written by [Debby Patten](#), Secretary & Treasurer

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. • Where: [Clackamas ESD](#)

At December's meeting we decided to "adopt" Century Park. We will discuss how we want to help out with our Neighborhood park at our January meeting on the second Wednesday. Some ways we can keep our Neighborhood Park beautiful could be planting flowers, picking up trash, and spreading/raking the wood chips in the playground area. We welcome any and all suggestions (and volunteers)!

I know people have said this so many times that it's almost a

cliché, but what I love about Milwaukie is the small-town atmosphere. This thought came to me again at the Winter Solstice Celebration in December. As I stood next to the huge bonfire, listening to carolers and seeing good friends and neighbors, I felt such a wonderful sense of community. It is so rewarding for me to be able to go somewhere and recognize so many wonderful people.

And you know, the only reason I knew anyone there was because I volunteer. For your New Year's Resolution, why don't you pick up your phone and become a volunteer? Call the City's department of Community Services at (503) 786-7503 and learn how you can play a part.

# City Events Calendar

January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street                      PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street                      JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.                      MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive                      LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue</p>	<p><b>CITY OF MILWAUKIE</b></p>					<p><b>Saturday Music Program</b>                      Ledding Library                      2-3 p.m.                      Admission is free</p>
2	3	<p>5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)  <i>NEW MEETING TIME!</i>                      7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)</p>	<p>7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary)</p>	7	<p><b>Saturday Morning Council Meeting</b>                      8 a.m.                      Public Safety Building</p>
9	<p>7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary)                      7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building)</p>	<p>6:30pm Planning Commission(MCH)                      6:30pm Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary)                      6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD)</p>	<p>7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elementary)</p>	<p>10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)</p>	15
16	17	<p>5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)  <i>NEW MEETING TIME!</i>                      6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)</p>	19	<p>6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)</p>	21	22
23	<p>24 6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)</p>	<p>6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH)                      7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board (MCH)</p>	26	<p>6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Board, (PSB)</p>		
30	31	25	26	27	28	29

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary  
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771  
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building  
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258  
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary  
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493  
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

### ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange  
 Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825  
 email: lisabatey@prodigy.net

### LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD  
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

### LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays  
 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary  
 Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639

### LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary  
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

## Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30  
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30  
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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 Milwaukie, Oregon 97222  
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